Creation of All India Judicial Service

1917. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD:
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create a new All India Service *i.e.* All India Judicial Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the structure of the proposed All India Judicial Services and whether Judicial Magistrate First Class/Civil Judge (Junior Division) would be part of the said service; and

(d) by when the proposed service is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) and (b) As per the recommendations of the Law commission of India, the directions of the Supreme Court of India in All India Judges Association case (Writ Petition No. 1022/89) and the guidelines recommended by the first National Judicial Pay Commission, the Union Government has taken up the matter of formation of an All India Judicial Service for examination. As the All India Judicial Service would be common for the Union and the States and would require cooperation of the State Governments and the High Courts, their views/comments have been sought.

The views of 17 State Governments/UT Administration and 14 High Courts have so far been received.

In the Conference of the Chief Ministers of States and the Chief Justices of the High Courts held on 16.08.2009, the State Governments, in principle, concurred with the proposal of formation of an All India Judicial Service. Also, in the National Consultation for Strengthening the Judiciary towards reducing pendency and delays held on 24th-25th October, 2009 which was attended by the Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court Judges, Chief Justices of all High Courts among others, it was, *inter alia*, resolved to establish an All India Judicial Service through an open competitive examination ensuring the best possible selection.

After receipt of views from all the States and the High Courts, the matter will be examined by the Central Government on its merit.

(c) The Government has not taken any decision so far on the constitution or structure of the proposed All India Judicial Service.

(d) Though all possible efforts are being made to take a decision on the formation of All India Judicial Service, no definite time frame can be indicated.

Uniformity in voters' lists

1918. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is separate voters' lists for Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would bring any amendment/new legislation to bring uniformity in voters' lists for Lok Sabha, Assemblies, local bodies and Nagar Palikas to strengthen the democratic set up and remove irregularities in elections; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under article 243K of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State is empowered to make provisions with respect to all matters relating to, or in connection with, elections to the Panchayats. Similarly, under article 243ZA of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State is empowered to make provisions with respect to all matters relating to, or in connection with, elections to the Municipalities. These laws would *inter alia* include provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls for elections to the respective bodies.

Hence, it is, for the State Legislatures to make laws for adopting the electoral laws of the Assembly constituencies for the purpose of elections to Panchayats and Municipalities.

Irregularities in voters' lists

1919. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that names of a large number of legitimate voters are removed from the voters' lists and thus they are deprived of casting votes in Assembly elections in various States;

(b) the details of the complaints received regarding irregularities in voters' lists during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps Government proposes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disclosure of wealth by Judges

1920. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: